TITUSVILLE AMATEUR RADIO CLUB

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NEWSLETTER

NOVEMBER, 1999

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CLUB INFORMATION

TARC MEETINGS :	**Monthly on 4th Tuesday at 1900 hrs at Jaycee Building.**
TARC NETS:	**VIP - Thursdays at 1000 hrs on 146.910**
	FRIENDSHIP - Thursdays at 1830 hrs. on 146.910
	MOSQUITO - Wednesdays at 1900 hrs on 28.333
	TRADERS - Fridays at 2000 hrs on 146.910
TARC REPEATERS:	**VHF - 146.910 and 146.970. UHF 444.150**

PRESIDENT'S CORNER

By Bud Hughes K4CWG

On a real short notice we were able to muster enough fellows to help Coach Canfield in providing communications for the Oct. 23 WAR EAGLE invitational (pre-state) cross country track meet. That proved to be fun and the upcoming regional championship to be held Nov. 13 and then the "biggie" FHSAA state cross country championship to be held Nov. 20 is the one that will put more icing on the cake. The location for both meets will be the same as before - Brevard Community College, US 1 North, Titusville. As before we will meet early Saturday morning and will be stationed somewhere around the track and via our hand helds we will report back to the central any messages or emergencies that may arise.

The Tailgate/FleaMarket event held Nov. 6 was a success, and I want to thank everyone who helped in the preparation for it on Friday and the actual event on Saturday. More specific details will be forthcoming in next month's newsletter.

Sherry and her crew made sure that there was plenty of good food for breakfast and lunch. Stephanie and her crew did a wonderful job of collecting prizes and selling tickets for the prize drawings. We made money for the club. We had a good time. The weather was perfect. Watch for the date of our next one sometime in March.

At our next meeting on Nov. 23 the club will elect the new officers and board (see page 2)

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS

NOV. 01 KE4BBK ORA PROSSER
NOV. 01 KE4OZD DANNY BURDICK
NOV. 01 N2USO MARIE GENCORELLI
NOV. 04 KD4CBT CARL HUGHES
NOV. 09 KE4GOQ MIKE HADDAD
NOV. 11 W5RAQ RON RICHARDSON
NOV. 14 KC4SYD CLIFF HOAG
NOV. 16 KF4OKC LAWRENCE COURTRIGHT
NOV. 18 KE4TKC HARMONY BURDICK
NOV. 21 KF4VAK MARY TYNER
NOV. 22 AE4LE RALPH HALL
NOV. 23 KS4JN RAYMOND HUDSON
NOV. 25 AA4HP HANK PHILLIPS
NOV. 26 KC4HIO RICHARD SWEATT
NOV. 26 KD4HNW KEN DENMAN
NOV. 27 K4EGV CHARMAIN COFFMAN
NOV. 27 KR4HS GEORGE SMITH
NOV. 28 KD4JBE HOOT GIBSON

PRESIDENT (from page 1)

members to serve in the upcoming year. Please attend and cast your vote for the new officers including President, Vice President Secretary/Treasurer as well as the Board of Directors of your choosing. The installation of newly elected officers will be conducted at the December meeting.

AMATEUR RADIO HISTORY

Submitted by Bob Nedimyer, W4VQB

4 Billion BC or more? God creates earth and evolution theory. Earth is a swirling ball of flaming gases. Propagation is extremely poor.

1 Billion BC - First dry land appears. It is divided up into grid squares. First County Hunters Club is formed.

500 Billion BC - Second patch of dry land appears. First DX expedition. Credit disallowed due to squabble about what constitutes a country.

400 Billion BC - Flowering plants and grasses evolve (?) Mosley invents first beam antenna but sales are slow because of lack of support structures.

300 Billion BC - First tree appears and is immediately cut down, stripped of branches, placed in a concrete base and named a telephone pole. Mosley sells first beam!

200 Billion BC - Second Beam sold by Mosley. Installer, named Archie, falls from atop a 300 ft. tower. First safety belt sold.

100 Billion BC - First mountain appears. Repeater invented.

50 Billion BC - It is decided by ARRL that "seek you" is too cumbersome to use on cw, so abbreviation "CQ" is adopted. Seek You still valid for phone use.

4 Billion BC - Humans replace swine as dominant species. However, the name "Ham Operator" is retained.

2 Billion BC - Dugout canoe developed. Maritime net formed on 14.313 kHz.

1 Billion BC - Man discovers counting by digits on hands and feet. Gates decided he can do windows by removing socks and mittens.

1790 AD - Ben Franklin invents long wire receiving antenna. Grounding switch patent issued.

1960 AD - Second repeater erected. First repeater group refuses to change frequency. First frequency coordinator appointed.

1999 AD - Amateur radio sinks to a new low. Thousands rush to their dictionary to define ennui, weltschmerz and ad nauseum.

OUR TIME IN HISTORY

This came to us via e-mail, and was supposedly written by A Columbine student.

>The paradox of our time in history is that we have taller buildings, but shorter tempers; wider freeways, but narrower viewpoints; we spend more, but have less; we buy more, but enjoy it less.
>We have bigger houses and smaller families; more conveniences, but less time; we have more degrees, but less sense; more knowledge, but less judgment; more experts, but more problems; more medicine, but less wellness.
>We have multiplied our possessions, but reduced our values.
>We talk too much, love too seldom, and hate too often.
>We've learned how to make a living, but not a life; we've added years to life, not life to years.
>We've been all the way to the moon and back, but have trouble crossing the street to meet a new neighbor.
>We've conquered outer space, but not inner space; we've cleaned up the air, but polluted the soul; we've split the atom, but not our prejudice.
>We have higher incomes, but lower morals; we've become long on quantity, but short on quality.
>These are the times of world peace, but domestic warfare; more leisure, but less fun; more kinds of food, but less nutrition.
>These are days of two incomes, but more divorce; of fancier houses, but broken homes.
>It is a time when there is much in the show window and nothing in the stockroom; a time when technology can bring this letter to you, and a time when you can choose either to make a difference...or just hit delete.

E-MAIL FROM RALPH, AE4LE

We probably should alert the Club to the fact that all HAMS are being alerted for Emergency Standby on December 31 for help with the Y2K problems, if necessary. There may by need at many places in the county to have our help in communications. It is expected that the phone lines will be clogged due to people asking for information. (This is standard for December 31 and January 1 each year). Anyway, we need to alert our people to the STANBY STATUS on December 31.

FROM: Brevard Emergency Amateur Radio Services, Inc.
TO: Titusville Amateur Radio Club

Dear Brethren;
This is to acknowledge and thank you for your club's contribution on August 26, 1999, of $100.00 to B.E.A.R.S.

The BEARS Board of Directors, of which you are a part, appreciates the gift and the time and talent contributions of all your BEARS-active personnel. The all-clubs council atmosphere has enabled coordination of emergency comm operations, SkyWarn, and other matters. Ham radio is well served by your action.

For the Board, Ernest A. Baldind, K4RBD, Treasurer and Registered Agent.

CHRISTMAS PARTY

The club Christmas party will be held on Dec. 1 at 6PM at the Elks Club, 2955 Columbia (SR 405). Choose either:

Grilled Chicken @ $10.50
OR
Prime Ribs @ $13.50

Bring a $5.00 gift to participate in the gift exchange. Women for a woman; men for a man. Tickets are available at Expedient Services from either Bud or Sherry, 267-3450. Tickets will also be available at the next club meeting on Nov. 23.

TAILGATE '99 DOOR PRIZE SUMMARY

By Stephanie Phillips, KD4JMX

A total of 20 local businesses donated 38 prizes ($540 estimated value) to our club's fundraising activity. At the end of this article, I have listed all the contributors. When you have occasion to be in their establishments, please remember to thank them for their donations. In addition, Clara & Pike Abell donated a tool set, and Jose Ramos donated 2 baseball caps.

We raffled off door prizes every 15 minutes. The Grand Door Prize was drawn at 11:10, and at about 12:00 noon we awarded the last of the door prizes.

Ozzie, N4SCY worked the microphone with Christy, KG4EB's daughter, until 9:00, then I tagged John, KE4ZPA to help Christy. Hank Phillips, AA4HP helped our young friends, Jackie Hessell and Courtney Carr, sell tickets at the entrance to the Tailgate.

The Grand Door Prize winning ticket was #249, purchased by AA4HP, Hank Phillips. At first he was a bit shocked and refused the prize because he thought he should have been disqualified once I tasked him with supervising the young ladies who volunteered to help us sell tickets. The other club members suggested he donate the prize for club use. Hank agreed, so now our club has an ICOM IC-T2H.

Our members should extend a special thanks to Christine (Christy) Hurkala, Anthony's daughter. She was extremely helpful from sunrise setup until the afternoon closing. She made copies and handed out flyers, sold tickets, worked the microphone to announce both the winners and the businesses who contributed; helped me keep track of the winners, and helped me count the results at the conclusion of our fundraising effort. She was a joy to work with and I hope she'll help us out next time. Clara, KE4YQL, told me that because the young ladies had so thoroughly approached all participants for ticket sales at the entrance that she was unable to sell any tickets in the crowd.

YES! We did make a nice profit for the club!

LOCAL BUSINESS CONTRIBUTORS

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219 Harrison Street
(407)383-2679

ACE HARDWARE
2300 S. Washington Ave.
(407) 267-1030

DIXIE CROSSROADS, INC.
1475 Garden Street

KELSEY'S
Pizzeria Eatery
2845 Garden St.
(407) 268-5555

TITUSVILLE SEAFOOD
1400 S. Washington Ave.
US Hwy 1. Just One Block South of Hwy. 50
(407) 383-9912

SUNSHINE HEALTH FOODS
"Where Your Health Comes First"
2916 S. US Hwy 1
(407) 269-4848

SKY SPACE CENTER!!
478 North Williams Ave.
Dun Air Park
800-823-0016
407-267-0016
FAX 407-267-1311

PUBLIX
SUPER MARKETS, INC.
St. John's Plaza
3265 Garden St.
407-383-0511

TIRE KINGDOM
Michael Roth, Manager
3550 South Washington Ave.
407-268-5772

DOG'S R US, GRILL
2100 S. Washington Ave.
407-269-9050

MAGGIE FAVALE - HAIR STYLIST
Krista James Boutique & Salon
4350 S. Hopkins Ave.
407-267-6631

VILLAGE INN
Jan Powell, Associate Manager
2925 S. Washington Ave.
407-267-6611

KRISTA JAMES BOUTIQUE & SALON
Linda Linogon, Owner
4350 S. Hopkins Ave.
407-267-6631

NAILS BY MINDY
Krista James Salon
4350 S. Hopkins Ave.
407-267-6631

IRISH PUB - FISH 'N CHIPS
Bill Kennedy
125 Harrison St.
264-0311

TANYA CUNNINGHAM, LMT.
Therapeutic Bodywork
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"The Professional Solution to your Organizing Needs"
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SUNSHINE COMPUTERS
James Harris
Parts, Systems, Upgrades
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407-632-9313
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I NEED TO BORROW
A OPERATORS MANUAL FOR
AZDEN PCS 5000 2 METER RADIO.
I NEED SOME INFO WHICH MY MANUAL
DOES NOT HAVE.
CLYDE, K4EOS
267-9375

WOULD THE PERSON WHO HAS
THE TARC TRANSPARENCY PROJECTOR
PLEASE CONTACT
CLYDE LEE, K4EOS
267-9375

ARRL Audio News Offering downloadable RealAudio file. ARRL Audio News - the Friday Amateur Radio newscast - now offers a downloadable RealAudio file that contains the entire weekly audio feed and requires no special software. The file size is approximately 1.6 to 1.8 MB for a typical program. Visit http://www.arrl.org/arrlletter/audio/ and click on the "Downloadable RealAudio file" link (Internet Explorer users may have to right click to download). The combined news feed contains programmed pauses of three seconds between each story, plus a five second ID break around the middle of the program. ARRL Audio News files are encoded in RA 28.8; you need a 28.8 kbit/s or faster connection to play them directly from the Web site.

ABELL'S ANECDOTES

By Pike W4EPU

Toastmasters, of which I am a member, provide the tools and training necessary to enable people to speak and communicate effectively. In developing those skills, you learn by doing, by actually speaking to groups. You learn in the comfortable surroundings of your fellow Toastmasters.

But one can sometimes tire of the correctness and seriousness of it all and go off on his/her own tangent. A colleague who dared not claim authorship, gives his own version of proper writing and/or speaking as follows:

>Verbs has to agree with their subjects.

>Prepositions are not words to end sentences with.

>And don't start a sentence with a conjunction.

>Avoid cliches like the plague.

>Be more or less specific.

>Parenthetical remarks (however relevant) are (usually) unnecessary.

>Foreign words and phrases are not apropos.

>One should never generalize.

>The passive voice is to be ignored.

>Exageration is a billion times worse than understatement.

>Do not be redundant; do not use more words than necessary; actually it is highly superfluous.

>Never use a big word when a diminutive one would suffice.

>Use words correctly, irregardless of how others use them.

>Puns are for conversation and children, not groan readers.

>Even is a mixed metaphor sings, it should be derailed.

>Proofread carefully to see if you any words out.

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RESCUING WATERY RIGS

From 9/99 QST 'Correspondence'

I enjoyed the article by Fred Baumgartner, KG0KI, in which he described how he salvaged his ICOM 2AT after a dunking ("Salvaging Waterlogged Gear," March 1999 QST). He mentions spilling diet cola on a radio. I don't have much experience with that, but do with other waterlogged equipment.

I don't know what current practice is, but in the US Navy in the mid 1940s to early 50s, standard salvage practice for electronic equipment that had been immersed in salt water was to simply soak it in several changes of fresh water and then bake it in a 150 deg. Oven for 12 to 24 hours. Most items survived the experience with only minor damage.

I've applied this technique to several tube type pieces of gear in restoration. You'd be amazed to see how beautifully a piece cleans up by simply using a good dishwashing detergent and a brush. This includes the wiring. I just rinse it well, dry in an oven and lubricate moving parts and pots. It was lastly applied to a late-serial number Collins 75A4. It only lost one filter capacitor and a bypass capacitor in the process.

Bernard W. Joseph, K8LIX, Clinton Township, Michigan

TREASURERS REPORT

By Becky Lee, KF4HTB

Balance forward from 1998	$6634.75
Deposits Year to Date	4245.90
TOTAL INCOME	**$10880.65**
Expenditures	6545.23
BALANCE AS AT 9/30/99	**$4345.23**

OCTOBER MINUTES

By Becky, KF4HTB

After the usual opening ceremonies, Bill, W2SDB played some new songs on his harmonica.

Bud, K4CWG asked Hank, AA4HP to tell club members about the new Titusville Tower Ordinance, which states that no tower (including crank ups) can be higher than 35 feet. Bud and Hank are working on getting exemption status for Amateur Radio towers. They will be reporting their progress at later meetings.

Ralph, AE4LE read a letter from BEARS expressing their thanks for the club's donation. He also said that SKYWARN is conducting an all day Saturday class on how to survive emergency communications outings. He passed around a pad for members to sign up for this class.

Les, K4SJC reported that everything is looking good at the 91 repeater. Other things needing to be done will be done as time permits. He thanked the guys who worked on the tower.

Coach Canfield, KF4PGU, reminded club members that their help will be needed at the November 13 and November 20 track meets.

The rest of the meeting was spent finalizing plans for the November 6 tailgate/flea market event. Bud stressed the need for members to be at the site early to help with parking, etc.

IF ONLY.....

Received from Dave Creasman, NB5EM

A man is driving up a steep, narrow mountain road. A woman is driving down the same road. As they pass each other, the woman leans out the window and yells, "PIG!!" The man immediately leans out his window and replies, "BITCH!!" They each continue on their way, and as the man rounds the next corner, he crashes into a pig in the middle of the road. If only men would listen!

IDIOTS AT WORK

I was signing the receipt for my credit card purchase when the clerk noticed that I had never signed my name on the back of the credit card. She informed me that she could not complete the transaction unless the card was signed. When I asked why, she explained that it was necessary to compare the signature on the credit card with the signature I just signed on the receipt. As luck would have it, they matched.

In a semi-rural area, a new neighbor recently called the local township office to request the removal of the Deer Crossing sign on his road. The reason: Many deer were being hit by cars and he no longer wanted them to cross there.

My daughter went to a local Taco Bell and ordered a taco. She asked the individual behind the counter for 'minimal lettuce.' He said he was sorry, but they only had iceberg.

I was at the airport, checking in at the gate, when the airport employee asked, "Has anyone put anything in your baggage without your knowledge?" I said, "If it was without my knowledge, how would I know?" He smiled and nodded knowingly, "That's why we ask.

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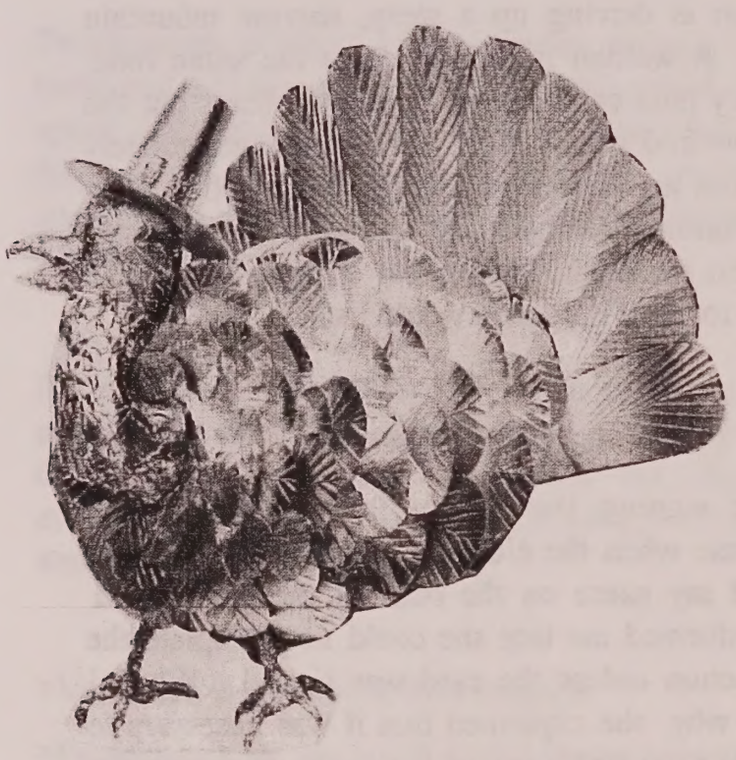

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OK Bud 12/14/00

MEMBERSHIP UPDATE

Total membership: 234 (161 regular, 55 family, 12 honorary, 6 other)

NEW MEMBERS: KF4UDO RANDY DAVIS

RENEWALS: KE4BBP BUBBA STITT
KF4CDK WILLIAM BLUM
KF4IGP JOANNA BLUM
KD4DOJ SKID SKIDMORE
KE4FFA MONA SKIDMORE
AF4DP BERNARD FLANAGAN
N9EZZ KEN TENDICK N9EZV
N9FAB LORRAINE TENDICK
W4GNW NEALE CRANSTON W4GMW
KE4HOD HOWARD ENGLAND
KE4HOE FRED HADDAD
KE4GOQ MIKE HADDAD
K4IXU JOHN PITTMAN
WA4JWU ROGER VERBLE
W4LAC JASON RUDISILL
KE4MWY DAN CHYCOTA

KF4FEZ GAIL CHYCOTA
AE4NT ARNOLD THRASH
KU4TF ERIC HEARD
W1VN BILL QUIN
K4ZZZ CHRIS BROWNING

HAMFESTS:

11-13	Port St. Lucie
11-13	Miami/Coral Gables
11/20-21	Tampa
12/4	Okeechobee
12/11	Lake City
1/8-9	Ft. Meyers
1/29	Arcadia
2/5	Pensacola
2/5-6	Miami
2/13-14	Orlando
2/19-29	Sarasota